(SRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA.)

Mining Labour Department to the Centre, did they hand over the report of the Committee to them?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T BHASHYAM.—The report is available to the public including the Government of India.

Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA.—Was the report brought to their notice?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T BHASHYAM.—There was no need to bring it specially to their notice.

Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA.—When there was a report was it not the duty of the Government of Mysore to bring it to the notice of the Government of India?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—There was no question of duty. The Regional Labour Commissioner has got a copy of our report in his hands.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ರಂಗರಾಮಯ್ಯನವರು (ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ). ಈ ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಏರ್ಪಾಡಾಗಿದ್ದು ಕೆ.ಜಿ.ಎಫ್. ಕೆಲಸಗಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರವೇ ಅಥವಾ ಬೇರೆಯವರಿಗೂ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವುದಾಗಿತ್ತೇ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಟಿ. ಭಾಷ್ಯಂರವರು.—ಕೆ.ಜಿ.ಎಫ್. ಮೈನಿಂಗ್ ಕೆಲಸಗಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ರಂಗರಾಮಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಬಾಕಿ ಕೆಲಸಗಾರರಿಗೆ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That does not arise.

Next Question No. 5.

Fixation of Minimum Wages for Agricultural Labourers.

*Q.—5. **Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY** (Kolar District—General).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are collecting any statistical data regarding agricultural labour in the State;

(*b*) whether they are contemplating fixing any minimum wages for agricultural labourers as for industrial labourers?

*A.—(*a*) **The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM** (Minister for Law and Labour).—This is being done by the Government of India on an All-India basis.

(*b*) Yes.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—In answer to (*b*) it is stated that the Government are contemplating fixing minimum wages for agricultural labourers. May I know the steps taken by the Government of Mysore in that regard?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—We are waiting for the report of the Government of India and their recommendations before we can take any further steps.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Does it mean that the Mysore Government should not take any initiative?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—It is not that. It is duplication of work and waste of energy, time and money.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—At what stage is the work undertaken by the Government of India with regard to collection of agricultural statistics?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—Statistics are being collected.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—What exactly is being done by the Government of India in the State of Mysore in regard to this matter?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—The Government of India have appointed a Regional Officer to go into this question and he is collecting statistics.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Chitaldrug District—General).—Are any sample surveys conducted in any of the villages of the Mysore State in this connection?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—Yes.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—May I know the number of villages?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—I could not exactly tell.

Sri H SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Have they collected any statistics by this time?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—Yes, they have collected.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERPPA.—Will the Government be pleased to place it on the table of this House?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—I cannot do it because they are statistics to be furnished to the Government of India.

Janab MOHAMED VALIULLA (Kolar—Muslim).—It is stated that the Government of India are collecting statistics. About what they are collecting statistics?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—The statistical data required for the purpose of fixing minimum wages for agricultural labour.

Janab MOHAMED VALIULLA.—What is the statistics?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—There are a large number of items; I could not enumerate them here.

Janab MOHAMED VALIULLA.—At least a few?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—The standard of life, the cost of living index, the wages that are being paid in various places for various labours, all these come under that.

Janab MOHAMED VALIULLA.—In answer to (*b*) it is stated that the Government are contemplating fixing minimum wages. Are you contemplating or is the Government of India contemplating?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That has been answered.

Janab MOHAMED VALIULLA.—What is the difference between the wages paid to the industrial labourers and that to the agricultural labourers?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—It varies from place to place and with the nature of the job.

Janab MOHAMED VALIULLA.—Is it 1 to 4 difference?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—I cannot say that.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug District—General).—Were the Government of Mysore consulted before this work was started?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—Yes, we were consulted in the matter and we were agreeable.—

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question No. 174, Sri W. H. Hanumanthappa. The Hon'ble Member is not present. The question will be treated as unstarred.

Increasing Heating Installations in Bangalore and Mysore.

*Q.—198. **Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS** (Retroceded Area—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of heating units installed in Bangalore and Mysore during the years 1947, 1948, 1949 and 1950;

(*b*) whether a definite programme is being followed in increasing the number of such units?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM** (Minister for Law and Labour).—

	1947.	*1948.*	*1949.*	*1950.*
(*a*) Bangalore	158	344	415	457
Mysore...	37	7	12	51

(*b*) The question is not clear. No programme can be drawn with regard to power supply to heating installations. The number to be serviced depends upon the demand and the availability of the material. The department has always been willing to service any lighting or heating installations provided the materials therefor are obtainable.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—What is the number of applications still pending in the department?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—I could not tell the Hon'ble Member. I want notice.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—Considering the dire necessity for fuel, will not Government consider the desirability of installing heating units?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—We are anxious to supply power for heating circuits not merely in towns but also in villages. It involves a lot of material and money and therefore there is some delay in extending this.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—Why not give installations to parties who apply for and pay the expenditure?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—The transformers have got to be supplied by us.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—The story of transformers is a pretty long one. When do we get these transformers ready?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—We have felt the transformer difficulty very acutely of late.